Listing of Claims

1.   (Currently amended) A method of automatically sending electronic messages from a portable communication device to a selected recipient, comprising:

retrieving date information from an electronic date determination unit;

retrieving first recipient related information from an electronic contact register, the first recipient related information being date information associated with the recipient; and

automatically sending a pre-configured electronic message over a network to the recipient based on the date information and the first recipient related information.

2.   (Canceled

3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

retrieving second recipient related information from the electronic contact register; and

automatically sending the pre-configured electronic message over the network to the recipient based on ~~the date information, first recipient related information, and~~ the second recipient related information.

5.   (Previously presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein the second recipient related information is a message flag.

6.   (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

prompting a user, after retrieving date and recipient related information, about sending the message; and

sending the message if the user has accepted sending.

7.   (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

retrieving a name of the recipient from the contact register; and

inserting the name into the message prior to sending.

8.   (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the message is sent directly to a terminal of the recipient.

9.   (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the message is sent to a remote server, which pushes it to a terminal of the recipient.

10.   (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein contact information about a recipient is first received from a remote server and then placed in the contact register.

11.   (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the contact register is a register containing previously stored information about contacts and how these can be reached.

12.   (Currently amended) A portable communication device for automatically sending electronic messages to a selected recipient comprising:

an electronic date determination unit;

an electronic contact register;

a message transfer unit;

a pre-configured message store; and

a control unit configured to retrieve date information from the electronic data determination unit and first recipient related information relating to a recipient from the electronic contact register and effectuate automatic sending of a pre-configured electronic message to the recipient based on the date information and the first recipient related

information[[.]];

wherein the first recipient related information is date information associated with the recipient.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) A portable communication device according to claim 12, wherein the control unit is further configured to retrieve second recipient related information from the electronic contact register and effectuate sending of the message based on the second recipient related information.

16. (Previously presented) A portable communication device according to claim 15, wherein the second recipient related information is a message flag.

17. (Previously presented) A portable communication device according to claim 12, wherein the control unit after retrieving date and recipient related information is further configured to prompt a user about sending the message and effectuate sending of the message if the user has accepted sending.

18. (Previously presented) A portable communication device according to claim 12, wherein the control unit is further configured to retrieve the name of the recipient from the contact register and to insert the name into the message prior to sending.

19. (Previously presented) A portable communication device according to claim 12, wherein the control unit effectuates sending of the message directly to a terminal of the recipient.

20.   (Previously presented) A portable communication device according to claim 12, wherein the control unit effectuates sending of the message to a remote server, which pushes it to the recipient.

21.   (Previously presented) A portable communication device according to claim 12, wherein the message transfer unit receives contact information about a recipient from a remote server and the control unit is further configured to place this information in the contact register.

22.   (Previously presented) A portable communication device according to claim 12, wherein the device is a cellular phone.

23.   (Previously presented) A portable communication device according to claim 12, wherein the contact register is a register containing previously stored information about contacts and how these can be reached.

24.   (Currently amended) A computer program product stored on a computer readable medium comprising:

computer readable program code configured to retrieve date information from an electronic date determination unit;

computer readable program code configured to retrieve recipient related information from an electronic contact register, the recipient related information being date information associated with the recipient; and

computer readable program code configured to effectuate automatic sending of a pre-configured electronic message over a network to the recipient based on the date information and the recipient related information.

25.   (Canceled)